

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 3, 6, 12, 14, 20, 23, 29 and 32 have been amended, claims 1-2, 10-11, 18-19, and 27-28 have been cancelled, and new claim 36 has been added. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-36 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 10-13, 18-22, and 27-31 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,018,668, issued to Schmidt. Applicants respond to this rejection as follows.

Applicants respectfully submit that Schmidt does not disclose the claimed invention in Claims 3-5, 12-13 and 36, 20-22, and 29-31. Specifically, Schmidt does not disclose “forwarding media to the member after its traffic channel is re-established,” as claimed in Claims 3, 12, 20, and 29. There is no mention of this limitation in Col. 6, lines 3031, or anywhere in Schmidt.

Applicants respectfully submit that Schmidt does not disclose “triggering the member to re-establish its traffic channel,” as claimed in Claims 4, 36, 21, and 30. There is no mention of this limitation in Col. 6, lines 3031, or anywhere in Schmidt.

Applicants respectfully submit that Schmidt does not disclose “buffering media for transmission to the member after its traffic channel is re-established,” as claimed in Claims 5, 13, 12, and 31.

Therefore, since Schmidt does not disclose at least the above limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 6-9, 14-17, 23-26, and 32-35 as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,018,668, issued to Schmidt in view of WO 01/31968 by Schmidt. Applicants respond to this rejection as follows.

Applicants respectfully submit that Schmidt does not disclose the claimed invention. Specifically, none of the references discloses announcing a group call to the members of a group, using their common channels, e.g. paging channel or control channel, wherein the active traffic channels of the members of the group are inactive.

Furthermore, none of the references discloses “transmitting the message in short data burst (SDB) form,” as claimed in Claims 9, 17, 26, and 35. SDB is not the same as the ID field of a page message, rather a SDB contains the whole message, which is transmitted on a common channel when the traffic channels are inactive.

Therefore, since the cited references do not disclose at least the above limitations, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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